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Still more Aids to Reflection about the Real Origin of the World War.

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In Canada: EWART; in the U. S., Owen.-Then: Barnes, Bausman, Lovett, Langer, C. C. Morrison, MacDonald, Neilson, Nock, Rowley (Lansing. Mich.) Schevill, J. K. Turner, Schrader, Tansill, Viereck, and Sihler. (Not the biographers of Page & Wilson.) In Britain: Beazley, (More) and Dr. Conybeare, deceased 1924) Lowes Dickenson, Nevinson, Ponsonby, (Not House, not Headlam-Morley, not Grey, Nicolson, Crowe, Asquith, Churchill); the Misses Durham and Willis. In France, De Martial and many other devotees of Truth. (Not Poincaré).

"Truth is the first casualty in every war", (Ponsonby). Polyblus on Truth in Historiography (XIII 5, 4): "And it seems to me that Nature has appointed as the greatest Divinity for Mankind, Truth, and endowed it with the greatest power. For, when all battle against her, sometimes even when all the plausibilities are ranged on the side of the Lie, sometimes she herself through herself enters into the souls of men, and sometimes at once displays her own power, and sometimes after having been long enshrouded in darkness";(as by the Entente, from August 1, 1914 onward) "in the end she herself, through herself, assumes power and defeats the Lie". Juicy specimen: "Brussels, September 1914: To-night the Emperor William in great sadness was standing by the bedside of his dying son Joachim. The Prince had been shot in the back with the dum-dum bullets fired by his own troops". - None enriched by the War can come into court. How did British munition find its way into Maubeuge long before August 1st, 1914? Again: A gorilla with a German Helmet carries away a screaming white woman: "Destroy the Beast". So perpetrated by the W. W. administration, Autumn 1917, before the U. S. Recruiting Offices. A shameless Lie, literally. Germans and German-Americans furnished some 500,000 enlistments for the Union, in our Civil War, whereas Delane of the London Times bought 10,000 pounds Southern Bonds; Gladstone 20,000 , dead loss after Gettysburg. We now quote from Senator Owen's new book (1927 Boni & Boni, N. Y.) (see also Congr. Rec. Dec. 18th, 1923). "The official proof is overwhelming, that the Germans did not will the World War, that the leaders of Serbia, of Russia, and a very few French leaders, controlling nevertheless French Foreign Affairs, did will the World War". (P. 60). - "Poincaré was resolved on a war of aggression, not of defense". (page 69). "The peace of the peoples of Europe cannot safely rest

on this dangerous foundation" ($231, T. of V.) (p. 74).-Petersburg money paid to Paris Press, mediation of Poincaré: 1912: On November 19th La Laterne got 35,000 francs, The Tiger's Daily, 45,000 , and the unbribable Temps 50,000 . Non olet (Owen p. 81). "A single telegram from Poincaré to the Tsar refusing to approve a general war would have prevented the World War" (p. 108). "It was Sir Eyre Crowe and Sir A. Nicolson who finally forced Grey into the War".- "This advice to be a judicious hypocrite appears to have been fully appreciated by Poincaré". (p. 155). Wilson's 14 Points: "The Treaty of Versailles violated those pledges and put the U. S. into the attitude of having betrayed the German People through the President of the U.S.". (p. 192). Here we leave Owen. But W. W. signed it June 28th, 1919, a Treaty, "the Helibroth of Versailles" (Sherman of Illinois) twice rejected by the Senate (Nov. 19th, 1919 and March 19th, 1920). Soon came the landslide of Nov. 2nd, 1920 when even a "yellow dog" as we now know the pitiful tale, could be, and was, chosen over W. W.'s Party. "He kept us out of the War". "We were scared into the War". (Sims). A great Oxford scholar (deceased 1924) wrote to an American scholar August 4th, 1922: "Grey doubtless was as much of a hypocrite in the week before the war as he had been for the eight years before that. We attacked Germany for three reasons: 1, to down her fleet before it got any bigger, 2, to capture her trade, 3, to take her colonies. Our entire policy was one of aggression, lies and hypocrisy. Why this incessant love-ogling within the"Union of English-speaking Nations"? Unctuous humbug! So too the sculptural glorification of our two greatest Presidents on the Thames. Why not be content with W. W.? Now the Census (U. S.) places the ethnical constituents of the U. S. in this order (Colored and Indians not counted): German, Irish, British, Canadian, (heavy French element there; factory towns of N. E.); Scandinavian, Slavs, Italian, all others. Clearly then Britain is not the "Mother-country" of even half the electorate of America. The only indigenous "American" is the Red Indian. Let us go back a bit: Irish World, N. Y., Oct. 15th, 1910: "England cares not a rap for the peace of the World, except in so far as she is not prepared just now for war. If by any means she could draw this country to her side" (as she eventually did through Page and Wilson) "she would feel less uneasy. This, and this alone, expresses her eagerness for closer relations with America". — Germany, after the crime of Serajevo, setting out to "Conquer the World"! Delirious idiocy, spread from the Thames mainly, and swallowed by millions of Babbitts here.

Lies? The Lie-factory of the "Maison de la Presse" in Paris: Times, Mail, Graphic, etc., in London. Belgian babies carried on German Bayonets, Canadian Soldier crucified, Fats from German corpses, all spread over the globe from the Thames chiefly. *All Lies* to help the Allies. E. g. dead Jews, women and children cruelly slain in Russian pogroms in 1905: these very pictures used by the Lie-factories, merely with change of text or commentary. "Hordes Allemandes in Pologne", 1915. In the end Harmsworth (Alfred)

"buried" from Westminster, August 1922! A National Debt? Perhaps.

Even on August 1st, 1914, Poincaré suggests to Iswolsky in Paris that Rumania be brought in (bought) by promising her Hungarian Transylvania. See "Zaristishes Russland im Weltkriege", documents only, Berlin, 1927, p. 166. Poincaré even angled for Italy then.

What was it all about? *Fortnightly Review*, London, vol. II, 1924, p. 590. "The main issue in the war was the question: Would new industrialized Germany be able to deprive us of our preponderant financial position in the markets of the world: Other issues were subordinate to this one". ("Augur" Polyanoff). So honesty returned on the Thames, when the swag (of the "Thieves' Kitchen of V") was safely stowed away, — in British and French pockets: the Italian Jackal was not forgotten in the jungle, Southern Tyrol! It was indeed a war for "Democracy and Civilization" — as old Arthur Balfour, with unctuous mouthing, told us on the floor of the Senate, May 1917. He knew best. After he and Lansdowne on April 8th, 1904 had settled the "Entente" with France, Edward VII the Encircler hastened to Copenhagen April 14th, to Iswolsky; there to get Petersburg into the "Combine". We now quote from the Official White Book of "Atrocities of Russian Troops perpetrated on German civilians and Prisoners of War", Berlin, March 15, all sworn to in detail by the sufferers or eyewitnesses: No. 74, near Gumbinnen, in East Prussia" (Aug. 20th, 1914) "In the dwelling" (of the farmstead) "we found in a room the corpses of an old man and an old woman, bent over a table, kneeling. Their tongues had been nailed to the table with stout nails".

Now then, when these champions of Democracy and Civilization had been eliminated by the strategic genius of Hindenburg and Ludendorff, and the collapse of the Romanoffs, then W. W. assumed the further defense of Democracy and Civilization, on a soil long prepared by British Propaganda. Ask Sir Gilbert Parker (Harper's Magazine, March 1918) or the artists of "Life".

Sudden? Not to those in the know. Even on April 2nd, 1912, Lord John A. Fisher (designer for Britain of the naval part of the World War) wrote to Esher, at the Admiralty in London, from Naples, by King's messenger: "If war comes before 1914, then Jellicoe will be Lord Nelson at Cape St. Vincent; if it comes in 1914, then he'll be Nelson at Trafalgar!" (Off Jutland, May 31st, 1916, things came off quite otherwise). In the end of all the cataclysm, it was Wilson's Victory, certainly; but was ever a great Party so hopelessly snowed under as his, on Nov. 2nd, 1920? Why? "Because he did not keep us out of the War". But to return: On Saturday, August 1st, 1914 at 6.30 p.m. a native American, near the Pantheon, read Poincare's Mobilization order, in Paris, printed; whereas we now know, that, at that moment, in all parts of the

German Reich, whether Berlin or provinces, nothing whatever had been printed: the Germans had to resort to general telegraphic and telephonic orders, — radiating from Berlin.

Further: Why did Woodrow I. at Paris in 1919 utterly cast away his famous 14 Points? It seems, that his motive was the prospect of Life Tenure, (cum usore regina), as President of the League of Nations, his own child, at Geneva. See Letters and Diaries of his Cabinet Minister, Franklin Lane, May 9th, 1919 — "the crowning glory of his life". Lane was in the know.

We have great pleasure at this point in quoting from H.W. Nevinson of London: "The Great Revision". (Sat. Rev. of Lit. N.Y. Nov. 20th, 1926), referring to § 231 of the Tr. of V., which one may justly call the cornerstone of World-Unsettlement: "Other articles in the Treaty are shameless in their bullying treatment of a gallant and vanquished enemy, and in the acquisitive greed that is sure to engender future wars: but that article expresses a lie of such grossness that I wonder the hand which first wrote it, did not wither". — Now this entire leaflet up to here was dictated by Kleio, the Muse of History, (Hesiod, Theog. 77): we close with two minor contributions inspired by her sister Melpomene.

Owen Seaman in Punch, August 5th, 1914. "The Logic of Ententes".

> To Servia:
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> You have won whatever fame it brings
> To have murdered a king (June 1903)
> and the heir of kings (June 1914).
> And it well may be that your sovereign pride
> Chafes at a touch of its tender hide;
> But why should I follow your fighting line
> For a matter that's no concern of mine?"

We close with "Aesop up to date" by an American author, penned in retrospective gloom, Summer, 1920.

> England was the monkey,
> Uncle Sam the cat,
> We pulled the Britons' chestnuts from the fire:
> That's all we got for that". — No, more:
> the appellation of Shylock '26.

Of the Profiteers we say nothing: they had to get the U. S. in. See Rowley's Pamphlet, Lansing, 1924, "War Criminals: Who were they? why were they"? p. 31.

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